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David Armstrong, Chairman  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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Dear Chairman Armstrong:

I am writing to you today to express the deep concern of the Central Kentucky Building Trades and its 26 affiliate Unions over the June 1<sup>st</sup> request by Kentucky Utilities for a 19% rate increase during these tough economic times. While I understand that federally mandated Air Quality requirements may make increases inevitable, the way that these decrees are implemented has a direct effect not only on the consumer who must ultimately pay these costs but working Kentucky men and women who need to be employed in the construction process of these upgrades.

As of this date, despite attempts, we have not been able to meet with PP&L to discuss the use of local workers on their projects in Kentucky. The Central Kentucky Building Trades Council is aware that PP&L will be soon appear before the Kentucky Public Service Commission to justify their request for the rate increase to pay for pollution control systems that are mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. At this current time, the Central Kentucky Building Trades Council cannot be in support of a rate increase without assurances that local workers (ratepayers) will be performing the work. Please take into consideration the fact that local workers (ratepayers) should be utilized on PP&L Projects before approving any rate increases.

Sincerely,

Robert Akin  
President